

Graduate Council
Tuesday October 19th at 9:30 am via Zoom

Present: D. Welch (Chair), M. Thompson, S. Hanna, M. Horn, G. Mulvale, B. Gupta, M. Dion, M. Stroinska, N. Tan, M. Abouei, T. McDonald, M. Parlar, Z. Samaan, R. Wu, J. Kish, A. Roddick, N. Kuthathasan, T. Chamberlain, W. Farmer, S. Medeiros, A. Shi, S. Raha, A. Cole, K. Tsang, S. Baschiera (Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary), C. Bryce, (Assistant Graduate Secretary)

Regrets: S. Dickson, G. Krishna, S. Brophy

I. Minutes of the meeting of September 14th, 2021

It was duly moved and seconded, **‘that Graduate Council approve the minutes of the meeting of September 14th.’**

The motion was **carried**.

II. Business arising

There was no business arising

III. Report from the Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies

Dr. Welch reported on the following items:

- The Covid context at McMaster, noting no outbreaks
- The implementation of McMaster’s vaccine mandate, noting that the graduate expectations arising from this had now been fully approved and that students who were at risk of being withdrawn would be receiving communication;
- The success of the implementation of the School of Graduates Studies new chat system;
- A very smooth thesis defence season, with thanks to everyone involved;
- The upcoming convocation.

Council members discussed the possibility of access to the library for students who are to be withdrawn.

IV. Report from the Graduate Associate Deans

Dr. Horn (Faculty of Humanities) reported on the following items:

- A relatively smooth start of term, despite the challenges;
- SSHRC work within the Faculty.

Dr. Mulvale (Faculty of Business) reported on the following items:

- SSHRC applications;
- The MBA program is working on expanding in-person offerings;
- The early stages of planning curriculum changes, including bringing more indigenous content forward;
- Updating the Ph.D. program website.

Dr. Thompson (Faculty of Engineering) reported on the following items:

- The Canadian Graduate Engineering Consortium graduate fair, with over 1000 students from across Canada attending.
- The Engineering Graduate Student Society metric conference, noting that they are reaching out beyond campus to other universities to see if they want to present.

Dr. Hanna (Faculty of Health Sciences) reported on the following items:

- The M.Sc. in Midwifery, recently approved by Graduate Council, is now heading to University Planning Committee;
- Working through CGS awards, focusing primarily in CIHR and NSERC;
- The Graduate Open House;
- Defence season proceeded very smoothly.

Dr. Gillett (Faculty of Social Sciences) reported on the following items:

- Funding international Ph.D. students;
- Continued work on a new masters of mental health;
- Getting ready for new recruitment cycle and enrollment management across different programs in the faculty.

Dr. Gupta (Faculty of Science) reported on the following items:

- The CGS doctoral competition.

V. Report from the Associate Registrar and Graduate Secretary

Ms. Baschiera reported on the following items:

- Highlighted that it is a busy time in the School of Graduate Studies and thanked everyone in SGS and the programs for their continued effort and support;
- Noted that the front desk is going well and that they're offering a series of one hour drop ins to whoever needs support or help understanding records.

VI. Fall 2021 Graduands (to be distributed)

It was duly moved and seconded, **'that Graduate Council approve the list of the 2021 Fall Graduands, with amendments/corrections to be made as necessary by the Associate Graduate Registrar.'**

The motion was **carried**.

VII. New Scholarships

It was duly moved and seconded, 'that Graduate Council approve the new scholarships as set out in the document.'

The motion was **carried**.

VIII. Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee Report

For information items only.